

HOUSE BILL 2582

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
49-6-1601, relative to child abuse coordinators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

At the beginning of each school year, each LEA and public charter school shall submit the contact information of the LEA's or public charter school's child abuse coordinator and alternative child abuse coordinator to the department.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1601(d)(1)(B)(v), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

Immediately notify the school child abuse coordinator and report the information to the department and law enforcement; provided, however, when the alleged abuse involves someone employed by, previously employed by, or otherwise affiliated with the school, the report can be made directly to the department and law enforcement in lieu of the internal reporting process within the school.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.